

May ~~19~~21, 2010

Dear:

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Site ("Site") that ~~lie in~~is near your community, and ~~we also~~to request ~~for~~ your assistance in helping spread public awareness about the ~~dangers of~~advisories on eating contaminated fish and crab from ~~these waterways~~the San Jacinto River ("River") that have been established by the Texas Department of State Health Services ("TDSHS").

~~These waste pits are~~This Site is located ~~along~~on the western bank of the San Jacinto River just north of I-~~10, lying~~10. It is partially submerged ~~in waters from the 1960s when waste filled with~~by the River. The Site was used during a portion of 1965 and 1966 for the disposal of wastes that contained a hazardous substance known as dioxin, ~~was dumped there by a paper mill company.~~ (see attached map).

The ~~waste pits are part of a federal~~Site has been designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ~~program known as a~~Superfund to clean the site. As part of this, site and is being cleaned up under EPA's oversight. Two of the responsible companies under Superfund have fenced off the eastern and western bank of the San Jacinto River ~~with signs telling the public not to eat~~in the vicinity of the Site to prevent access to the Site and have posted signs cautioning the public about eating fish or crab caught in the vicinity of the Site. The companies have also agreed to begin a short-term remedy ~~of laying a physical protective barrier over the pits that will be designed~~to stop the any on-going release of dioxin into the waterwaysRiver and to investigate the Site further to determine a long-term remedy.

In conjunction with ~~this~~the Site remediation efforts, we are working with EPA and other stakeholders to build public awareness about ~~avoiding eating polluted fish. Samples~~the TDSHS fish advisories. Some samples collected from sediment, water, fish and crab tissues both upstream and downstream from the ~~site~~Site show elevated levels of dioxins above health-based benchmarks. ~~Dioxin can lodge into~~Dioxins are found in the fatty tissues of ~~animals~~fish and when consumed by humans, ~~it can have adverse health impacts. Dioxin is known~~Very high exposures to dioxin cause skin conditions in people. In studies with laboratory animals, exposure to dioxins has been found to cause cancer, ~~skin conditions,~~ delay physical and neurological development, and have long-~~terms~~term effects on the immune and reproductive systems in the tested animals.

You can help in the following ways. Please identify what resources you may be able to offer (e.g. volunteers, programs within your organization that can be used to educate the public, organizing school contests, etc.). Please also provide us with a contact person within your organization and their phone number and email address.

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We have partnered with Galveston Bay Foundation and you can contact them with the above-requested information by calling or emailing at:

[Insert information]

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We look forward to collaborating with you on this important public health issue.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Sylvia R. Garcia  
Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2

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Vince Ryan  
Harris County Attorney

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Redline Summary:		
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1	Insertion	May 21, 2010
2-3	Insertion	Page 2
4-5	Change	"May 19, 2010" changed to "May 21, 2010"
6	Change	"the San Jacinto River Waste Pits that" changed to "the San Jacinto River...Pits Site ("Site") that"
7-8	Change	"that lie in your community" changed to "that is near your community"
9	Change	"your community, and" changed to "your community and"
10-11	Change	"and we also request" changed to "and to request"

12	Change	"request for your assistance in helping spread" changed to "request your assistance in helping spread"
13-14	Change	"spread public awareness...fish and crab" changed to "spread public awareness...fish and crab"
15-16	Change	"contaminated fish and crab from these waterways." changed to "contaminated fish and...Services ("TDSHS")."
17-18	Change	"These waste pits are located" changed to "This Site is located"
19-20	Change	"located along the western bank of the San Jacinto" changed to "located on the western bank of the San Jacinto"
21-22	Change	"San Jacinto River just...partially submerged" changed to "San Jacinto River just...is partially submerged"
23-24	Change	"partially submerged in...substance known as" changed to "partially submerged by...substance known as"
25-26	Change	"hazardous substance known...(see attached map)." changed to "hazardous substance known...(see attached map)."
27-28	Change	"The waste pits are part...Protection Agency" changed to "The Site has been...Protection Agency"
29	Change	"Environmental Protection...(EPA) program known as" changed to "Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as"
30	Change	"as Superfund" changed to "as a Superfund"
31-32	Change	"Superfund to clean the...responsible companies" changed to "Superfund site and is...responsible companies"
33	Change	"the responsible companies...off the eastern and" changed to "the responsible companies...off the eastern and"
34-35	Change	"western bank of the San...not to eat fish or crab" changed to "western bank of the San...eating fish"

		or crab"
36	Change	"fish or crab. The companies have also agreed" changed to "fish or crab caught in...have also agreed"
37-38	Change	"agreed to begin a...over the pits to stop" changed to "agreed to begin a...will be designed to stop"
39-40	Change	"to stop the on-going release of dioxin into" changed to "to stop any on-going release of dioxin into"
41-42	Change	"on-going release of dioxin into the waterways." changed to "on-going release of...a long-term remedy."
43-44	Change	"In conjunction with this,...with EPA and other" changed to "In conjunction with the...with EPA and other"
45-46	Change	"to build public awareness...from sediment, water," changed to "to build public awareness...from sediment, water,"
47-48	Change	"upstream and downstream...levels of dioxins" changed to "upstream and downstream...levels of dioxins"
49-50	Change	"above health-based...the fatty tissues of" changed to "above health-based...in the fatty tissues of"
51-52	Change	"the fatty tissues of...when consumed by humans," changed to "the fatty tissues of fish...when consumed by humans,"
53	Change	"and when consumed by...adverse health impacts." changed to "and when consumed by...adverse health impacts."
54-55	Change	"can have adverse health...known to cause cancer," changed to "can have adverse health...found to cause cancer,"
56	Change	"to cause cancer, skin...and neurological" changed to "to cause cancer, delay physical and neurological"
57	Change	"physical and neurological...and have long-" changed to "physical and neurological...and have

		long-"
58-59	Change	"and have long-terms...immune and reproductive" changed to "and have long-term...immune and reproductive"
60	Change	"immune and reproductive systems." changed to "immune and reproductive...in the tested animals."
61	Change	"public, organizing school... Please also provide us" changed to "public, organizing school... Please also provide us"
62	Insertion	[Insert information]
63	Change	"We look forward to collaborating" changed to "We look forward to collaborating"
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